

Puget Sound Commercial Fisheries Hotline Message Number 6,

Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at 2:00 PM.

For the period of September 4th – September 10th all non Fraser Panel controlled areas are currently closed except as follow:

Area 7B Bellingham Bay will be open to gill nets using 5-inch minimum mesh size from 7 AM Sunday, September 4th to 7 AM Friday, September 9th. **Hales Pass is closed.** Refer to page 21 of the Puget Sound Commercial Salmon Regulation Pamphlet for closure boundaries.

Area 7B Bellingham Bay will be open to purse seines with a 5-inch strip from 7 AM to 8 PM on Wednesday, September 7th. Brailing and recovery box are required. All coho must be released within the Hales Pass closure area. Refer to page 21 of the Puget Sound Commercial Salmon Regulation Pamphlet for closure boundaries.

Area 9A Port Gamble Bay will be open to skiff gill nets limited to 600 feet in length and 60 meshes in depth using 5-inch minimum mesh size continuously through 7 PM Saturday, October 29th. All Chinook and chum salmon must be released by cutting the meshes ensnaring the fish.

Area 12A Quilcene Bay will be open to beach seines not to exceed 600 feet in length or 100 meshes in depth, from 7 AM to 7 PM daily Monday, September 5th through Friday, September 9th. Release all Chinook and chum.

Area 10 Seattle will be open for purse seines on Thursday, September 8th from 7 AM to 8 PM for the following vessels: SOUND STAR, HARBOR GEM, NEW OREGON, and TRADITION. Release Chinook, chum, sockeye, and coho.

Brailing or rolling wedge and recovery boxes are required and must be operational at all times. A Department observer is required on board to participate.

If you suspect an error in this message, or if you have questions please contact Steve Thiesfeld at (360) 902-2715. Thank you for calling the WDFW hotline for Puget Sound commercial fishing information.